

Remarks

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on January 15, 2003. The specification has been amended to reference Figure 4. Figure 4 has been amended to include a reference numeral indicating the surface connecting the fixed window panel and the frame. Claims 52 and 53 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 42 and 48 have been amended, both incorporating subject matter from canceled claims 52 and 53. No new matter has been added. Claims 42-51 remain pending. Reconsideration and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested.

I. Drawing Objection

The drawings were objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a) as failing to show every feature of the claimed invention. Specifically, the objection states that the fixed window panel being connected to the frame at only the inner surface of the fixed window panel must be shown. The objection further states that Figure 4 only show the frame surrounding an edge of the fixed window panel. This objection is respectfully traversed, to the extent it is maintained in view of the previous amendments and following remarks.

Figure 4 has been amended to include reference numeral 222a that references the inner surface of the example fixed window panel 222. As illustrated in Figure 4, the fixed window panel 222 is connected to the frame 223 at only the inner surface 222a of the fixed window panel.

Reconsideration and removal of the objection are respectfully requested.

II. Specification Objection

The disclosure was objected to because there was no description of Figure 4 in the substitute specification filed on July 11, 2002.

The substitute specification has been amended to describe Figure 4. Removal of the objection is requested.

III. Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 42-53 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to convey to one skilled in

the art that the inventor has possession of the claimed invention. Specifically, the rejection states that the recitation in claims 42 and 47 of the fixed window panel being fixed to the frame at only the inner surface of the fixed window panel presents new matter. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Figure 2 of the present application illustrates the frame 221 and fixed window panel 222 together, and the description states that the frame 221 is fitted on the inside face (see inner surface 222a of fixed window panel 222 shown in Figure 4) of the panel 222, such that there is no visible external frame. Application, page 6, lines 1-8. Since the example frame 221 is disclosed as being fitted on the inside face 222a of the panel and not extending so as to be visible from the outside, the frame can necessarily only be attached to the inside surface of panel. Therefore, Figure 2 and the accompanying text do illustrate and provide support for the frame 221 being connected to the fixed window panel 222 at only the inner surface of the fixed window panel.

Figure 4 is included to provide a schematic representation of the connection of the frame 221 to only the inner surface 222a of the fixed window panel 222, with the frame 221 and the fixed window panel 222.

For at least these reasons, claims 42-51 are fully supported by the specification. Reconsideration and allowance are requested.

IV. Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 42-53 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jackson et al., U.S. Patent No. 2,567,153, in view of Ojanen et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,560,671. This rejection is respectfully traversed, to the extent it is maintained.

As noted previously, Jackson discloses a rigid door structure with removable upper and lower parts. Further, as noted in the rejection, Jackson fails to suggest connecting a frame at only an inner surface of a fixed window panel.

Ojanen discloses a window module to be attached to a flexible fabric. Ojanen, abstract, lines 1-8. There is no suggestion as to how the window module of Ojanen, configured for attachment to flexible fabric, could be incorporated into the rigid door disclosed by Jackson.

Further, neither Jackson nor Ojanen disclose or suggest gluing said lower and upper parts to each other at an assembly area of said door, or that the assembly area extends substantially a whole length of said upper part, as recited by claims 42 and 48.

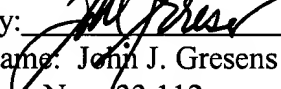
For at least these reasons, reconsideration and allowance of claims 42-51 are respectfully requested.

V. Conclusion

Applicant believes that this patent application is in immediate condition for allowance. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested. If any issues remain which the Examiner feels may be resolved over the telephone, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned in order to expedite prosecution.

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Appendix Including Two Replacement Sheets



APPENDIX

Attached hereto are two replacement sheets.